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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Communication dated October 31, 2005, please amend the above-entitled application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Claims 1-15 are original claims and are resubmitted herein.

Please add the following new Claim 16.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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